BOYCOTT MIDSUMMA

it is time for a new
extravagant
confrontational,
militant, hot and principled
queer trans attitude of
revolution, aggresion
and vengeance in this colony of
so-called “australia”

PART I:

‘THERE IS NO PINK DOOR IN THE APARTHEID WALL’ (AlQaws) AND THERE IS NO PRIDE ON STOLEN LAND

MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE ON THE STOLEN LANDS OF THE WURUNDJERI WOI WURRUNG AND BOON WURRUNG PEOPLES.

NO AMOUNT OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS CAN PINK-WASH THE BLOOD FROM THE HANDS OF SETTLER QUEERS HELL-BENT ON PINKWASHING GENOCIDE IN SO-CALLED "AUSTRALIA," PALESTINE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

IT IS A RACIST, WHITE SUPREMACIST, TRANSPHOBIC DESECRATION. A RAINBOW FUNERAL MARCH, A BEACH PARTY TRAMPLING SITES OF MASSACRES. IT IS AN INTENSIFICATION OF COLONIAL REPRESSION AND CONTROL.

MIDSUMMA IS WHERE QUEERS DIE AND BECOME "AUSTRALIANS"

ON THEIR WEBSITE MIDSUMMA CLAIMS TO BE PRIORITISING "INCREASED ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES;"

YET THE MIDSUMMA 'CELEBRATION' ITSELF TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR DURING A PERIOD THAT IS KEY FOR INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY ON THIS CONTINENT.

LIKE OTHER YEARS, IN 2025 MIDSUMMA IS HOLDING TWO UNRELATED EVENTS ON INVASION DAY (JANUARY 26): 'THE PEARL PRIZE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT' (A LITERARY PRIZE) & 'SUNDAYLICIOUS LONG WEEKEND SESH' (A PARTY AT THE PRECINCT HOTEL), AS WELL AS MULTIPLE OTHER 'LONG WEEKEND' EVENTS THAT CAPITALISE ON THE "AUSTRALIA" DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

NATURALLY THE BEST WAY TO BUILD ENGAGEMENT WITH FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES IS TO... ACCEPT SPONSORSHIP FROM THE BACKERS OF THE COLONISER T*RRORIST MINING CORPORATIONS B*MBING SACRED SITES? (hi nab!)

WE SEE THROUGH YOUR BULLSHIT MIDSUMMA

trans liberation is land back.

PART II:

PINK FOOT-SOLDIERS OF THE STATE WILL NEVER BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

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19 JAN - 9 FEB 2025

VicPol member chokes a queer,
Midsumma “pride” parade, 2024

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, AT THE 2024 MIDSUMMA "PRIDE" MARCH, **SEVERAL DOZEN TRANS QUEER FREAKS** PROTESTED AGAINST POLICE INVOLVEMENT.

THEY WERE

BRUTALLY ASSAULTED

BY VICTORIA POLICE MEMBERS IN FRONT OF A CHEERING CROWD.

INSTITUTIONAL VIOLENCE TO

RIVAL THE FIRST MARDI GRAS.

MULTIPLE QUEER PEOPLE

(MANY ALSO TRANS AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR)

HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY HAD THEIR

HOMES RAIDED BY VICPOL.

QUEERS ARE BEING DRAGGED THROUGH

THE COLONIAL, CARCERAL

COURT SYSTEM

FOR THE CRIME OF GETTING

PUSHED, PUNCHED

CHOKED AND TRAMPLED

BY COPS AT MIDSUMMA'S

QUEER "PRIDE" PARADE IN FEBRUARY 2024.

THE FOOTAGE FROM THE MIDSUMMA 2024 POLICE QUEERBASHING WAS ALL OVER THE NEWS. EVERYONE SAW TRANS QUEER PROTESTORS HIT, PUNCHED, KICKED & SHOVED BRUTALLY BY VICTORIA POLICE MEMBERS.

YET MIDSUMMA CEO KAREN BRYANT CHARACTERISED VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY POLICE AS A CASE OF

"BOTH SIDES."

IN A STATEMENT, "QUEER" HEALTH ORGANISATION

THORNE HARBOUR

ABSURDLY DESCRIBED POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST QUEERS AS

"LATERAL VIOLENCE."

VICPOL MEMBER PUNCHES A QUEER IN THE FACE, MIDSUMMA "PRIDE" PARADE, 2024

THESE CHARACTERISATIONS OF
"BOTH SIDES" AND "LATERAL VIOLENCE"
HAVE BEEN ADOPTED
BY OTHER "QUEER" ORGS

AS THE STATE FLEXES ALL IT'S STRENGTH BY DRAGGING QUEERS THROUGH COURT WITH THREATS OF FINES AND PRISON.

VICTORIA POLICE, MIDSUMMA
AND, BY EXTENSION, ORGS THAT COLLUDE WITH THEM
EXIST TO SUPPRESS–VIOLATE–EXTIRPATE
ANY RESISTANCE TO THE GENOCIDAL
STATE OF "AUSTRALIA"

NGOs THAT MARCH IN "PRIDE" WERE AT BEST SILENT AND AT WORST COMPLICIT IN THE FACE OF EXPLICIT QUEERBASHING

THEY REMAINED SILENT AND COMPLICIT AS

POLICE REPRESSION AND VIOLATION WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE HOMES AND LIVES OF QUEER TRANS PEOPLE

FOLLOWING THE 2024 MIDSUMMA PROTEST.

THEY ACCEPT GRANTS AND PATS ON THE HEAD FROM STATE FUNDERS IN RETURN FOR THEIR COMPLICITY,

AT THE EXPENSE OF OUR COMMUNITY

MANY "QUEER" NGOs PUT TRANS PEOPLE AT RISK OF INCARCERATION BY COLLABORATING WITH POLICE:

INVITING PLAINCLOTHES COPS TO 'MONITOR' EVENTS BEHIND OUR BACKS;

AND ADVOCATING FOR "FAIR" POLICING OF OUR COMMUNITY

RATHER THAN ABOLITION OF THE COLONIAL POLICING SYSTEM

THAT SEES TRANS WOMEN LOCKED UP AT ALARMING RATES, DEATHS OF BLAK PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, REFUGEES IN DETENTION CENTRES, SEPARATION OF PARENTS FROM CHILDREN, AND TOTAL HARNESSING AND CONTROL OF

REBELLIOUS QUEER LIFE

BY THE STATE

THE DANGER HERE LIES NOT **ONLY** WITH THE INSTITUTION OF VICPOL ITSELF, BUT WITH THE "LGBTQIA+" NGOs THAT VALIDATE ITS EXISTENCE AT THE EXPENSE OF CRIMINALISED QUEERS.

THESE ARE NOT SEPARATE ISSUES.

THE STATE OF "VICTORIA" WOULD NOT BE DRAGGING QUEERS THROUGH COURT RIGHT NOW WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE AND COMPLICITY OF QUEER NGOs.

WHO FUNDS MIDSUMMA?

want to party
and don't care
who funds it??
then MIDSUMMA
is the festival for you!

PART III:
CORPORATE PRIDE

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WHAT DOES A CORPORATION LIKE MIDSUMMA HAVE TO DO WITH 'PRIDE'?

THE CEO OF MID$UMMA...

"WE $TAND IN $OLIDARITY WITH BUI$NE$$E$!"

KAREN BRYANT $AID IT HER$ELF.

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COPS AREN'T THE ONLY ISSUE AT MIDSUMMA.

MIDSUMMA'S FUNDING IS 70% CORPORATE AND PRIVATE DONATIONS. THEIR DIAMOND-LEVEL PATRON IS SUSPICIOUSLY LISTED AS 'ANONYMOUS'...

LIKE MANY 'LGBTQ+' ORGANISATIONS,

MIDSUMMA IS 'NEUTRAL.'

THIS MAKES IT

COMPLIANT AND COMPLICIT IN KILLING 'ITS' OWN COMMUNITY.

IT IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY IT CLAIMS TO REPRESENT;

ONLY TO STATE, CORPORATE, AND PHILANTHROPIC FUNDERS.

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NABLOOD MONEY

MIDSUMMA'S BIGGEST PRINCIPAL PARTNER IS NAB (AGAIN). NAB COLLABORATES WITH 'ISRAELI' CAPITAL, AND IS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL BANKING ALLIANCE WITH BANK LEUMI OF 'ISRAEL,' WHICH IS RECOGNISED BY THE UN AS SUPPORTING 'ISRAELI' APARTHEID.

NAB UTILISES CYBER SECURITY BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY MADE FOR 'ISRAELI' APARTHEID, IS KNOWN TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SEX WORKERS, HAS BEEN REPORTED TO SUSPEND MUTUAL AID FUNDRAISING ACCOUNTS, AND CHRONICALLY AND INTENTIONALLY MISGENDERS TRANS CUSTOMERS.

FINALLY, NAB HAS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS INVESTED IN A FUTURE OF FOSSIL FUELED CAPITALIST-COLONIAL CLIMATE BREAKDOWN.

GREAT PARTNER FOR A

'CUMMUNITY FESTIVAL', RIGHT MIDSUMMA??

WOOLWORTHS
THE FRESH F*CKED PEOPLE

A MAJOR PARTNER WITH MIDSUMMA THIS YEAR IS WOOLWORTHS GROUP, WHO, JUST WEEKS AGO, WAS INFAMOUSLY F*CKING OVER STRIKING WORKERS AND BREAKING PICKETS WITH UNKEPT PROMISES.

WOOLWORTHS
BENEFITS FROM THE 'CHEAP,' COERCED
LABOUR OF INCARCERATED
AND (PRIMARILY) INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

PRICE-INFLATORS KEEPING FOOD OUT OF STARVING MOUTHS AND MONEY ON CEO SILVER PLATTERS!

DAN MURPHY'S, A SUBSIDIARY OF WOOLWORTHS AND ALSO A MIDSUMMA PARTNER, PREYS ON INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, PERSISTING WITH A "DAN MURPHY'S MEGASTORE" NEAR THREE DRY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE NT DESPITE YEARS OF BACKLASH AND COMMUNITY PROTEST.

IS THIS HOW MIDSUMMA IS 'ENGAGING WITH FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES'?

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GENOCIDAL QUEER ALLY

amazon

CONTRIBUTES RELENTLESSLY TO THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS. IT IS WELL-KNOWN THAT AMAZON'S WORKERS ARE SUPER-EXPLOITED BY ANTI-UNION BOSSES IN PURSUIT OF PROFIT AT ANY COST.

AMAZON (ALONG WITH GOOGLE) HAVE A $1.2 BILLION **CONTRACT WITH 'ISRAEL' TO STORE BLACKMAIL DATA ABOUT PALESTINIANS. THIS DATA IS USED TO THREATEN TO 'OUT' QUEER PALESTINIANS WHO ARE RESISTING THEIR OWN GENOCIDE.**

THE PALESTINIAN-LED BDS MOVEMENT HAS CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO BE APPLIED TO AMAZON TO DITCH THE CONTRACT.

YET MIDSUMMA PARTNER WITH AMAZON FOR MULTIPLE YEARS RUNNING!

PT PUSHING QUEERS OUT OF THE TRAMS AND ONTO THE STREETS!

WITH **'PUBLIC' TRANSPORT VICTORIA** SET TO INFLATE PRICES AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE TRAIN COPS GROW BOLDER AND THE CITY BECOMES LESS AND LESS ACCESSIBLE FOR POOR AND WORKING-CLASS QUEERS AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR.

PTV HAVE SOME GUTS TO PARTNER WITH MIDSUMMA TO PINKWASH THEIR COMPLICITY IN POLICING PUBLIC SPACE. 'SAFE SPACES', WHO?

PT COPS DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PRONOUNS WHEN KICKING YOU OFF THEIR RAINBOW-PRONOUN TRAMS.

L'ORÉAL

YOU CAN'T PUT RAINBOW LIPSTICK ON AN APARTHEID PIG!

L'OREAL HAS AN ILLEGAL FACTORY IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE. IT IS SUBJECT TO A GRASSROOTS ANTI-ZIONIST BOYCOTT. THEY HAVE A HISTORY OF UPHOLDING RACIST AND HETERONORMATIVE BEAUTY STANDARDS THAT US QUEERS MUST RESIST.

MELBOURNE AIRPORT

THE SITE OF ALL THE POWER AND OPPRESSION OF 'BORDER CONTROL' IN SO-CALLED 'auSStralia,' COMPLICIT IN THE DEPORTATION OF CRIMINALISED REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS.

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PART IIII

(FINALE)

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UNLIKE MARDI GRAS AND MIDSUMMA'S PREVIOUS ITERATION, MELBOURNE PRIDE

(BOTH ALSO DEEPLY PROBLEMATIC ENTITIES), MIDSUMMA IS NOT RUN BY A GROUP OF STRAGGOT REPRESENTATIVES

BUT IS MORE LIKE A KASHED-UP KWEER KORPORATION ITSELF, WITH A CEO (HI KKKAREN!)

MIDSUMMA IS A CORPORATE PINKWASHING OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY UPHOLDER OF THE GENOCIDAL OCCUPATION THAT MAKES "VICTORIA,"

FROM CONSERVATIVE AND ECOCIDAL POLITICIANS TO SECURITY FIRMS THAT MAINTAIN BRUTAL OFFSHORE DETENTION FACILITIES, BANKS THAT CHRONICALLY MISGENDER THEIR TRANS CUSTOMERS AND SHUT DOWN MUTUAL AID FUNDRAISING ACCOUNTS,

AND OF COURSE "VICTORIA" POLICE, THE ORIGINAL LOCAL QUEER BASHERS!

THE VERY SAME "VICTORIA" POLICE THAT SWEPT THROUGH THIS LAND WITH GENOCIDAL INTENT AND CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT AND COVER UP BLAK DEATHS IN CUSTODY TO THIS VERY DAY.

MIDSUMMA IS NOT A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL,

IT IS LGBTQIA+ WHITE SUPREMACY.

IT IS KKKOPS CLEARED OF CHARGES FOR MURDERING BLAK PEOPLE IN CUSTODY.

IT IS LGBT NGOS DOING "PRISON [F]ABOLITION PEER SUPPORT WORK" WHILE THEY INFORM ON THEIR TRANS PEERS TO VICPOL.

IT IS ANTI-HAMAS ISLAMOPHOBIC PROPAGANDA.

IT IS MEDICAL-INDUSTRIAL INTERVENTION WITHOUT TRANS MEDICINE.

IT IS LEARNING HELPLESSNESS AND DEPENDENCE ON THE HOMO-STATE-SYSTEM.

IT IS PINK PROPERTY, PINK SCREWS, PINK FOOT-SOLDIERS TRAMPLING TRANS PEOPLE!

IT IS CHOKING, PUNCHING, KICKING, SPRAYING, MOLESTING STAUNCH AND BEAUTIFUL TRANS WARRIORS

TO PERPETUATE AND PROTECT THE HOMO GENTRI.

PARTICIPATING IN MIDSUMMA LEGITIMISES THEM AND MAKES YOU COMPLICIT!

WE REJECT MIDSUMMA, YET YEAR AFTER YEAR IT LIMPS ON: A RAINBOW-HUED PHOTO OPPORTUNITY FOR KOLONIAL KKKOPS, RACIST POLITICIANS, GREEDY CORPORATIONS THAT SUCK THE BLOOD OF REAL COMMUNITY.

THE ONLY REASON TO BE AT AN 'AUSSIE-ZIONIST' EVENT IS TO DISRUPT AND DESTROY IT!

RADICAL FAGGOTS, TRANSSEXUALS AND DYKES! "QUEERNESS" IS ON A KNIFE'S EDGE. THE BLAK LIBERATION STRUGGLE WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF QUEER LIFE ON THIS CONTINENT.

QUEERS MUST CHOOSE NOW BETWEEN A LI[F]E NOT WORTH LIVING AS SERVANTS OF THIS COLONY OR FIGHT TO KILL AUSTRALIA.

trans liberation is LAND BACK

Assimilation is just another closet we will smash!

JOIN US AND BOYCOTT MIDSUMMA!!

QUEER LIBERATION

NOT ASSIMILATION

QUEER LIBERATION

NOT RAINBOW CAPITALISM

QUEER LIBERATION

NOT GENOCIDAL OCCUPATION

QUEER LIBERATION

NOT MANDATORY DETENTION

QUEER LIBERATION

NOT COLONIAL "SOLIDARITY"